

APPENDIX A

This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 60/209,070 filed June 2, 2000 and provisional application serial no. 60/277,408 filed March 19, 2001 [, the entirety of each of these applications is incorporated herein by reference. This]; and this application is a continuation-in-part of each of [also claims priority to] the following non-provisional U.S. patent applications: application serial no. 09/661,222 entitled NETWORK DISTRIBUTED TRACKING WIRE TRANSFER PROTOCOL, filed on September 13, 2000; application serial no. 09/503,441 entitled AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR IMAGE ARCHIVING, filed February 14, 2000; application serial no. 09/367,461 entitled AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR IMAGING ARCHIVING, filed August 13, 1999; and application serial no. 09/111,896 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AND RETRIEVING DATA BASED ON GLOBAL INDICES, filed on July 8, 1998, wherein the[. The] entirety of each of these provisional and non-provisional applications is [also] incorporated herein by reference.